

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 23, 2009

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

We are writing in support of Governor Tim Kaine's request for federal disaster assistance for localities in Virginia that received damage from the Nor'easter that occurred from November 11-15, 2009.

We have seen the storm damage first-hand, and it has been devastating for many communities in the Hampton Roads region of Virginia, including the cities of Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Poquoson, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach, and the counties of Halifax, Isle of Wight, King and Queen, Northampton and Surry. In fact, some communities have experienced flooding that is worse than the flooding during Hurricane Isabel in 2003.

Specifically, we support the Governor's requests for the following: 1) that the Small Business Administration (SBA) make emergency low-interest loans available to homeowners and renters in the affected areas because the uninsured damage caused by the storm was not severe or widespread enough for Virginia to qualify for The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)'s Individual Assistance program; 2) that FEMA Public Assistance cover eligible costs for damage to public infrastructure, debris removal and related emergency services; and 3) for Hazard Mitigation Assistance for all Virginia localities, which would help local and state governments take actions to reduce the impact of future disasters.

We fully support Governor Kaine's request for low-interest loans for homeowners and renters and funds to assist local governments in making repairs. We hope you will act quickly to give this request every possible consideration, so that families across Virginia can get the assistance they need to repair their homes and rebuild their lives.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

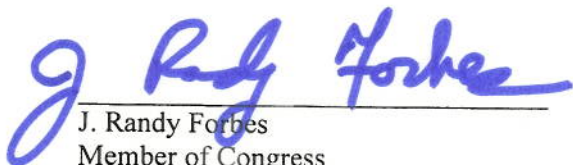
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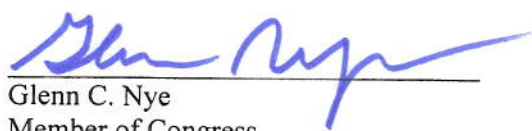
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